THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) PDS kerosene and domestic LPG are subsidized products. In addition to the Government subsidy, oil PSUs have been sharing the burden by not passing the full increase in international prices on to the domestic consumer prices of these products. During the first half of 2004-05, the estimated provisional under-recovery/subsidyon these products was as follows:

Product	Government Subsidy	Oil PSUs' under-recoveries	Total Subsidy-under-recoveries
PDS Kerosene (Rs./litre)	0.82	7.05	7.87
Domestic LPG (Rs./Cylinder)	22.58	113.03	135.61

As per current Government policy, the Government subsidy on these two products is to be phased out over a period of five years effective 1.4.2002, *i.e.* Government subsidy would be available upto 31.3.2007. The requirements of BPL families is invariably borne in mind in determining pricing policy.

Supply of gas from Turkmenistan

1263. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from an American Company "Unocal" to lay a pipeline from Turkmenistan to India via Afghanistan and Pakistan is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) if not, whether there are any other proposals under consideration of Government;

(d) whether Government have analyzed the security and economic aspects of the proposal in view of the possible interruption in the supplies through possible militant activities along the supply line; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. There is at present no specific proposal under consideration for gas imports from Turkmenistan to India *via* Afghanistan and Pakistan.

(d) and (e) As and when any proposal for the supply of gas from Turkmenistan to India via Afghanistan and Pakistan is taken up, all security and economic aspects will be thoroughly examined.

Committee to recast oil sector

1264. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a six-member Committee, to suggest within two months, a road map to recast the oil sector, merger of state-owned oil corporation, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While there is a proposal to set up a six member Committee to advise the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on Synergy in Energy, including issues relating to oil sector PSUs, no formal decision in this regard has been taken so far.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Exploration of gas from Orissa coast

1265. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL propose to start gas exploration off the Orissa coast;